**My Religious Journey (Minor Project)**

* **How does your religion impact your identity? Be sure to describe your journey (even if it is on-going).**

Although, I’m an atheist, religion had a huge impact on my identity three years ago than it did now. Prior to my migration to Seoul, Korea, I resided in Hong Kong for nearly fourteen years after I was born in the city. My family consisted of my parents and elder brother who were Christians under the catholic branch, and my Pilipino maid who was also a very strong believer in the religion. Every Sunday they would attend a regular church service to practice their righteous activities in hopes of becoming a ‘better person’, while I stayed at home. My parents sent me to an international Christian school (HKIS) and thus almost everyone in the school practiced a religion of some sort, as there was even a dedicated class for it. By being a student that had no interest in any religion, I was honestly looked down upon because people didn’t think that I knew the moralities and knowledge I should have known to be a ‘better person.’ It seemed to be a shame that I wasn’t a believer in anything and people thought that I had belief in hope or wishful superstitions.

* **How does your religion impact your family?**

Religion is a huge part of my family. My parents want everyone in the family to convert to the Christian religion so that we would practice good morals. This makes our family more caring and ultimately makes us put others before ourselves. My family members don’t donate to people who are in need not out of pity but because they are very graceful of our wealth and thus want to share our experience with people who aren’t as fortunate; a typical religious theme. I think that religion makes our family more conservative as well.

* **How does your religion impact your society (and even the world)?**

For the most part, religion gives support and motivates people to do things that are righteous according to their regular practices. People are able to morally communicate with others through their own religion and thus make an effort to become s stronger disciple of that divinity. The biggest issue regarding the subject today is the contrasting beliefs that interfere with other religions. Some beliefs override and refute the opposite devotion and create prejudicial issues, for example; Satanism degrades Christianity, as there is a distinct rivalry between Satan and God.